

Senate File 2145 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2145
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2049)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to speech therapy benefits for children under
2 Medicaid managed care and including effective date and
3 retroactive applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. HAWK-I COVERED SPEECH THERAPY BENEFIT UNDER
2 MEDICAID MANAGED CARE CONTRACT. The hawk-i covered speech
3 therapy benefit under Medicaid managed care shall provide for
4 coverage of both habilitative and rehabilitative services
5 for children with speech, language, and hearing disorders as
6 medically necessary. The determination that a service is
7 medically necessary shall not be interpreted to require loss
8 or impairment as the result of a stroke, accidental injury, or
9 surgery to the head or neck as a prerequisite to coverage of
10 services.

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
12 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

13 Sec. 3. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies
14 retroactively to March 1, 2016.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill requires that the hawk-i covered speech therapy
19 benefit under Medicaid managed care provide for coverage of
20 both habilitative and rehabilitative services for children with
21 speech, language, and hearing disorders as medically necessary.
22 The bill prohibits the determination of a service as medically
23 necessary from being interpreted to require loss or impairment
24 as the result of a stroke, accidental injury, or surgery to
25 the head or neck as a prerequisite to coverage of services.
26 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively
27 applicable to March 1, 2016.